(ii) To examine in the light of findings on fundamental principles and aspects of criminal jurisprudence as to whether there is a need to re-write the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Indian Penal Code and the Indian Evidence Act to bring them in tune with the demand of the times and in harmony with the aspirations of the people of India;

(iii) To make specific recommendations on simplifying judicial procedures and practices and making the delivery of justice to the common man closer, faster, uncomplicated and inexpensive;

(iv) To suggest ways and means of developing such synergy among the judiciary, the prosecution and the police as restores the confidence of the common man in the criminal justice system by protecting the innocent and the victim and by punishing unsparingly the guilty and the criminal.

(v) To suggest sound system of managing, on professional lines, the pendency of cases at investigation and trial stages and making the police, the prosecution and the judiciary accountable for delays in their respective domains; and

(vi) The examine the feasibility of introducing the concept of "federal crime" which can be put on List I in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution.

(d) The Committee's report is expected shortly.

Officials involved in Tehalka case

*345. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress and present position in respect of the departmental enquiry ordered by the Ministry of Defence regarding involvement of non-military officials of the Ministry in the "Tehalka" case;

(b) whether any culpability has been arrived at;

(c) if so, what action has been taken/is proposed to be taken against those found culpable;

(d) if not, by when the enquiry is to be completed; and

(e) in the interim, restrictions placed on promotions and transfers of those officials who are *prima facie* involved?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Fact Finding Committee set up to look into, *inter-alia*, allegations leveled against the civilian officials of the Ministry has found three civilian officials guilty and departmental action against them has been initiated. Charge sheets for Major Penalty have been served on all of them and proceedings are in progress.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The three officials are presently under suspension and as such they can neither be considered for promotion nor for transfer.

MIG-23 crash in Punjab

†*346. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-23 aircraft crashed on 25th June, 2002, in the district of Kishanpura Kalan in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether an inquiry has been ordered into the incident; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A MIG-23 aircraft crashed on 26th June, 2002 near Sidhwan Khas range, close to Air Force Station Halwara, in Punjab.

(b) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered and is in progress.

(c) The aircraft crashed in a paddy field and there was no loss of life or injury to anyone.

Early warning system in cyclone/earthquake prone areas

*347. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have installed early warning system in the cyclone or earthquake prone areas to forewarn the public about the impending danger, specially after the super cyclone of Orissa;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.